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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Staff Meeting Minutes of 31 December 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

Stein provided Mr. Carlucci with a cable reporting on a successful effort and a draft cable of commendation for the Acting DCI's conveyance.

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Fitzwater advised that as of today, we are five over ceiling. In response to Mr. Carlucci's query as to whether or not the MODE problem has been solved, explained that it had been, but it will not be refelected until we receive the allowance letter in late January. Stein noted the importance of having State relieve its current ceilings.

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Lipton advised that OMB has turned down the '81 supplemental with the exception of funds for increased compensation under the Foreign Service Act. A brief discussion followed and Mr. Carlucci agreed to call OMB and register our concerns in light of the unlikelihood that the President would react favorably to an appeal at this point in time.

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In response to Mr. Carlucci's request Fitzwater, Briggs, and Silver highlighted a case which may receive some publicity. It involves a DDO employee who has falsified vouchers. To date only 4 of 56 vouchers have been examined, but it is clear that at least \$1,800 is unaccounted for. The employee has been suspended without pay and notified that he is open to criminal charges. Without eluding to this particular case, Mr. Carlucci instructed that those in attendance emphasize to employees and supervisors the obligation to thoroughly examine the details before approving vouchers. In response to Mr. Carlucci's query, Silver advised the incident has been reported to Justice and there is no need to report to the IOB because it involves individual rather than organizational delinquency.

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